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1. CHIAO Lu, Chinese Communist spokesman in Hong Kong, bitterly attacked the U. S., making the following statements:
  - a. The U. S. is responsible for the continuing of the Nationalist blockade; not only could the U. S. call it off at any time, but if the U. S. had taken the same attitude as the British in their notes to the Nationalist Foreign Office the blockade would never have gone into effect.
  - b. The Nationalists have purchased silver with ECA funds and have bought surplus military equipment from the U. S. now stored in the Ryukyu Islands.
  - c. The U. S. sponsored the Chiang-Quirino conference.
2. CHIAO said that the anti-American acts in Shanghai were Communist reprisals for the blockade, and that the U. S. could show evidence of good faith toward the Communists by breaking off relations with the Nationalists.

Comment. CHIAO is very perturbed over the blockade, which he intimates is hurting the Communists badly. The distortions which he uttered are generally shared among high Chinese Communist Party leaders throughout China.

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